THE VIALS OF The Wrath of God,

Poured forth
Upon the seat of the MAN of SIN,
And
Upon all professors of the WORLD,
who denieth the light of Christ which he hath enlightned every one withal, and walk contrary to it; with it they are condemned.

AND

A VVARNING from the LORD to all who are walking headlong to destruction in the lusts of the flesh, and deceits of the world, that they may repent and turn to the Lord, lest the overflowing scourge sweep them all into the pit.

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The Worlds Profession without Foundation.

With

Several precious Notes to Great men, and Rich men.

ALL profeſſion of the world is without ground, and the foundation; for the light is denied of the world, and hated: profeſſors, Prieſts and people, and all who hates the light, their deeds are evil, and they will not bring their works to the light, leſt the light ſhould reprove them, they know their deeds are evil, thou wilt not bring thy works, leſt the light ſhould reprove them: drunkard, thou knoweſt thy deeds are evil, thou wilt not bring thy works to the light, leſt the light ſhould reprove thee, there thou haſt learned thy condemnation, which is the light. Lyer thou knoweſt thou ſhouldſt not lye, there thou haſt learned thy condemnation, the light; and ſwearer and railer, thou knoweſt thou ſhouldſt not ſwear nor rail, the light within thee lets thee ſee thy deeds are evil, and it makes thee confeſs thy deeds are evil, there thou haſt learned thy condemnation, the light; Ye deviliſh mindes who are hatching miſchief, plotting together to do miſchief in Alehouſes and upon your beds, ſomething in your conſciences tells you, *You ſhould not do ſo*, there you have learned your condemnation, the light; ye curſed ſpeakers, envious ones, quarrellers, fighters, ſtoners, wrathful malicious ones, there is ſomething in your conſciences tells you, *All this to be of the devil*, there you have learned your condemnation, the light that Chriſt hath enlightned you withal, which lets you ſee your deeds are evil when you are ſitting in Alehouſes, drinking, carding, ſhovelboording, ſwearing by *God*, or your *Soul*, or your *Faith*, or curſing and provoking one another to wrath, fighting and abuſing one another, ſo you are them that defiles the fleſh, there is ſomething in your conſciences tells you, *All this to be of the devil*, there you have learned your condemnation, which is the light which lets you ſee all the works of darkneſs.

Now therefore hearken to the light which may lead you up to God the Father of light, it lets you ſee, you ſhould not lye, not ſteal, not commit adultery, you ſhould not walk in unclean actions, and all you that do, you know your deeds are evil by the light in your conſciences, which is your condemnation, the light in your conſciences which ſhould exerciſe it, and

all you wanton luſtful ones, ſporting your ſelves, who gather your ſelves together to ſpend your time in vanity, there is ſomething in your conſciences tells you, *All that to be ſally, fooliſhneſs and madneſs: Laughter is madneſs*, ſaith the Prophet, and who is grown ſolid and civil, and denies ſuch practices that is counted madneſs with you, who live in folly, there is that in your conſciences lets you ſee your deeds to be evil, you have learned the condemnation the light, which when the book of all conſciences is opened you will all witneſs what I ſpeak. To that in your conſciences do I ſpeak, then the time will come that you will wiſh you had not been born into the world.

Now you eaſeful ones are at eaſe, and you profeſſors Prieſts and people, have ſet you neſts ſo high as though none could reach you; and all you conceited ones, who reſt in your conceits; and you worldlings, who are drunk with the cares of this life; and you covetous ones, who devour one another, for the creature, for the earth, the time is coming when the poor deſpiſed ones ſhall ſit down with *Abraham*, *Iſaac* and *Jacob*, and a cry will be among all you, and an howling, a wiſhing you had never been born.

Iyer, thou art for the lake that burns; unbelievers, you are for the lake; drunkards and ſcorners, you are for the lake that burns, and ſhall never inherit the kingdom of God who act ſuch things; drunkard, thou haſt caſt the Law of God behinde thy back; and you that minde earthly things, your end is deſtruction, whoſe God is your belly, who glories in your ſhame, who lives in the luſt, drunkenneſs, gluttony devouring the creation, a time will come that you will wiſh ye had never been born, for you have all known in your dayes, that your deeds have been evil, and that you have done contrary to the light in your conſciences, there is your condemnation, the light, for you wicked will be as the chaff which the winde driveth away, and all you proud will be as the ſtubble, the mouth of the Lord hath ſpoken it.

This is to be ſcattered among the ignorant, ſimple and blinde people, led by the God of the world, and drunkenneſs, and luſt, that the witneſs may ariſe in them, againſt theſe ungodly deeds, that they may be left without excuſe, who have had a time, and a viſitation to call to repentance. Now you have time prize it, you have light which Chriſt hath given you, to it I ſpeak, which lets you ſee all your deeds to be evil, hating it, it will be your condemnation. To all manner of people I ſpeak, it will eternally witneſs me, and condemn you.

Some are drunk with drink, ſitting together to invent miſchief, to ſhed blood, to deſtroy the innocent. Another company, Prieſts and people, are got together, drunk with rage and perſecution, as drunk as the other are, in rage and madneſs, plotting and inventing together againſt the righteous, to ſhed innocent blood, ſome you get into priſon: and you are worſe then common drunkards, for you ſtock, and cauſe the innocent to

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be imprisoned. Therefore awake all drunkards, and fear God, and turn unto the Lord while ye have time.

Pharaoh thou oppressor, *Pharaoh* thou taskmaster, *Pharaoh* thou proud one which lays heavy burthens upon the innocent and righteous seed, and oppresseth the just, plagues and woe is thy portion, as was *Pharaoh's*, who taxes, and oppresses, and causeth the just and righteous seed to labour under thee, who bindes with oathes, and compels to swear by that which is a declaration of Christ, who saith, *Swear not at all*; and, *He that doth not abide in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God, but is of the devil.*

O ye earthly minded men! give over oppressing the poor, exalt not your selves above your fellow-creatures; for ye are all of one mold and blood; you that set your nests on high, joyne house to house, field to field till there be no place for the poor, woe is your portion. *The earth is the Lords and the fulness thereof.* And you that have not so much of the earth, give over your murmuring and reasoning, fretting and grudging, for all your want is for the want of God: the righteous God is coming to give to every one of you according to your works: now the works of ye all must be tried, you that have appeared unto men beautiful outwardly, will be found in the generation of murtherers, and ye that have pretended to worship, your sacrifice will be found to be *Cains*, which God hath no respect to.

O ye high ones which spread your selves, appear fair, tall and strong! you know not God, nor your selves to be oakes. O ye tall Cedars! ye know not your selves to be so, the Lord is sent to look for fruit in his vineyard among you, it is full of wilde Olives, and their wilde Grapes, that many are drunk with the juyce of the wilde Grapes; and so the vineyard is full of bryers and thornes, that the lambs and sheep cannot pass, but they are tangled among the bryers and the thornes; and the Land is as a wilderness; that part full of Serpents; and the earth is overgrown with with weeds and nettles, that there is no feeding for the lambs till the earth be dressed and overturned.

Howle ye vinedressers! a day of howling is coming among you, who have been pretenders of the dresser of the vineyards, which is overgrown with weeds, and nettles, and thornes, and crooked wayes, the lambs and sheep hath been scattered and devoured amongst the bryers and the thornes, and no discerning you have had betwixt a lamb, a goat, a sheep, a wolf. Now the Lord himself is gathering his lambs and his sheep where they have been scattered this cloudy dark day, and some are torn, and some are trampled upon with the horses of *Pharaoh*; but the Lord his hand against you, and his sword drawn, the battel is begun, and the sword drawn, which must not be put up till it hath made a separation in hewing down, and the Lord himself will have the praise, and the honor and the renown, and all, who rules.

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O how beautiful hath thy Harlot been ? O how full is the land of Inchanters? O how full is the land of Sorcerers & witchcrafts ! the myſtery of her hath deceived many through her whoredoms. Green was the graſs, & freſh was the flowers, the bay-tree ſpread it ſelf, and the haw-thorn, but the time is coming of fading ; the flower will fade, and the graſs will wither, and the whoredom and the inchanter muſt come to judgement ; the Lord is riſen and riſeth as a ſwift witneſs againſt the inchanter, againſt the ſorcerers, againſt the whoremongers and the covetous. The glittering ſword is drawn to hew down you fruitleſs trees which cumber the ground, ye luſtful fleſhly ones, you have not ſeen your ſelves to be theſe trees which cumber the ground : ye heady high-minded ones, you have not ſeen your ſelves to be theſe trees which cumber the ground : ye who live in the fleſh, ye do not ſee your ſelves to be theſe trees which cumber the ground : ye ſcorners, ye lyers, ye diſſemblers, falſe hearts, ye do not ſee your ſelves to be theſe trees which cumber the ground : but the Lord is riſen againſt you ; the earth ſtinks with the dead that is upon it, and the pollution of the polluted. The Lord is riſen with power, and ſending forth to bury the dead, and to raiſe up the dead : all who are immortal, thisma y ſee, may receive.

Repent, for the day of the Lord is coming. Awake ye worldlings, hearken to that in your conſciences, which ſhews you ſin and evil, that will guide you unto God, loving it. Awake ye drunkards and luſtful ones, who follow pleaſures, conſider the wayes you walk in, for you who act ſuch things, muſt never inherit the kingdom of God ; for you act contrary to that in your conſciences, which will be your condemnation, pride, and ambition, ſelfiſhneſs, and ſelf-will, ſtands up ; which the plagues of God are due unto : ſilence all fleſh, who lives in your conceit and deceit, thieving and ſtealing in the night, what the Saints ſpoke, making your ſelves drunk with it, and then ſells it to drunkards, and then are jovial, eating and drinking with drunkards. Howle ye drunkards, for ye ſhall want the ſtaffe of bread ; a day of howling is coming upon you, lay aſide all deceitful merchandize.

And all ye Star-gazers, who are gazing among the Stars, wondering after your imaginations, doing the works of darkneſs, in whom lodgeth the Spirit of witchcraft.

Silence, and come down all ye that ride ſo high, that do beſtir ye as *Jannes* did, and *Jambres*, at the coming of the children of *Iſrael* out of *Ægypt* : through the fire and the ſea, ye cannot come.

Silence all preſumptious talkers of God, who ſees him not, but are preſumptious boaſters, who live in envie, croſsneſs, and perverſneſs, and vain contention, which proceeds from corrupt mindes, who mindes the earth

earth and earthly things, who are enemies to the croſs of Chriſt, who glories in your ſhame, whoſe end is deſtruction, whoſe belly is your God, who do not ſee God, are not come ſo far as *Moſes*; for *Moſes* ſaw God face to face; and death reigns from *Adam* to *Moſes*, and all that ſees not God, death reigns in you. To that in your conſcience I ſpeak, which Chriſt hath enlightned you whithal, which calls you to repentance, which ſhews you your evil deeds, which will be your teacher owning and loving it, your condemnation hating it. Now you have time, prize it, this is the day of your viſitation.

George Fox.

A Warning from the LORD to all Hawkers and Hunters.

THe word of the Lord to all you Hawkers and Hunters, who are carried up in the fleſh, vapouring, vaunting up your ſelves, ſwelling in your vanities, boiſterous, glorying in your ſtrength, lifted up, exalted, puffed up, lofty and high minded.

This all is contrary to the way of God, and all ſuch they that dwelt in the life of the Scriptures declared againſt, and all this which is acted out from the nature, which is contrary to the light, is to be condemned with the light, and all that will fade and wither away. Lament, and repent, and turn unto the Lord God, all ye that follow ſuch courſes, actions and practices, while you have time.

Eſau was a Hunter, he deſpiſed his birth-right, and after ſought it with tears, and there was no place of repentance found. To you all Hunters, who are lifted up, who are prophane, as your father *Eſau* was: he became a place for Dragons, and a Wilderneſs, and deſolate, and barren, Dragon is a devourer. Therefore O take heed and be warned.

Now to that in your conſciences I do ſpeak, which he hath enlightned you withal, it will let you ſee your prophaneſs, your hunting ravening minde, your deſtroying minde, which deſtroys the creature, and deſtroys the creation upon your own luſts, and the whole creation groaneth with that bondage of corruption: nay, you take pleaſure in deſtroying the creatures, and make your ſelves ſport in deſtroying them, running to Alehouſes, drinking healths, and tempting one another with beer, and he that doth not pledge him, doth not love him, and all this love is in the luſt.

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O! woe, woe is your portion, what will become of you in the end? O consider whither ye must go. Remember *Dives*, remember *Esau* your father, the Hunter, remember *Nimrod* the cunning Hunter, the beginner of the building of *Babel*, whom God confounded into many languages which your teachers tells you, *Is the original*; but he that comes before *Babel* was, comes before many languages was, and before *Nimrod* was.

Here you and all your languages are raced out; and all ye Hunters which turn from the light which Christ hath enlightned you withal, which devours the creation, and you are to be hewen down with the word, which was in the beginning: *In the beginning was the word*, as you may read in *John*, the word was before *Babel* was.

Therefore to the light in your consciences I speak, which Christ hath enlightned you withal; that with it you may see your filthy mindes and filthiness, and prophaness, and with it all may be judged down, and out: for from God it is judged all, and from them who are of God, and from them who love the light of God, and so all prophaness and cunning Hunters which are turned from the just, which devours the creation upon the lusts, and burthens and grieves the creation, prophane persons, all you who are prophane, *Esau* is your father, you cunning Hunters, and not *Jacob*, who was a perfect man, and dwelt in tents, he was not prophane; but it was *Esau* that was prophane, the cunning Hunter, which despised his birth-right.

So to you all which turn from the pure in you, the just, which chuse the earth before the pure, you are the *Esaus*, you are the prophane, you despise your birth-right.

To that which is just in you all I speak, that with it you may see when you mindes go forth, and what they go after, after your dogs, your hounds, your hawks, glorying and taking pleasure in the creatures, more then in the Creator. You are such as the Apostle speaks of, and with that in your consciences, it will let you see the judgement from God is upon such things.

Therefore to the light in your consciences I speak, that with it your mindes may be guided to God, that you may come to know the right use of all creatures, and to be used in their place and service, as servants, to the glory of God, who has created all things to be used in their place, and to praise him. *Therefore whatsoever you do, let it be done to the praise and glory of God.*

Now when you swear, and curse, and drink healths, and quarrel, and fight, and are deboist, and devours the creation upon your lusts, your sports, which God has created to be used in their place and service to his glory, where will ye appear before the Lord?

O ye devourers of the creation, fear the Lord God, and turn from all your evil wayes and wickedness.

To that in all your consciences I speak, that you may all see what ye have acted, and do act; there is your teacher to God if ye love it, and your con-

condemnation from God if you hate it. To that in you shall I be made manifest when your condemnation is come.

You are them that cumber the ground, prophane persons, cunning hunters, drunkards and lofty ones, which exercise Lordship one over another, you are out of the doctrine of Christ, you are them that stains the earth; but the Lord God of might and power is coming, the sword of the Almighty is drawn, to hew you down fruitless trees, that cumber the ground, and to sweep and cleanse the land of evil doers, that the earth may enjoy her Sabbaths.

All ye that are prophane, are in the nature of *Esau*. And all you that are proud are in the nature of proud *Haman*, who was out of the truth from God, and you are abomination to the Lord, though you may profess Christ in words, and yet are workers of iniquity; to you I say, Depart from iniquity, that names his Name. And all ye that are scoffers, you are of *Ismael*, *Isaac* did not scoff, nor *Jacob* was not prophane.

Therefore to all you that are turned from the light, and are scoffers and prophane, you are to be condemned with the light from God, from Christ, and all the holy men of God. And to you all this is the word of God.

And to you all that love the light, walk in the light, that it may lead you from all such actions, contrary to it, up to God the Father of light, and to condemn all that is contrary to the light.

CUmber not the ground ye fruitless trees; ye proud ones, ye scorners, cumber not the ground; ye drunkards, ye cumber the ground; ye cumber the ground, ye lyers, cheaters and cozeners; ye cumber the ground, who use deceit; ye mockers and lustful ones, which devours the creation, ye are the fruitless trees that cumber the ground; you fair outside professors and teachers, you cumber the ground, who lives in high swelling words, but in pride and oppression, and you are the trees that bear leaves, but no fruit; so ye are they that cumber the ground.

The Lord is coming in power to sweep the land of evil doers, and to hew you down you fruitless trees which cumber the ground.

The fields have been overgrown with thistles and nettles, and the vineyard is spoiled for want of dressing and labourers; but now the Lord is sending forth labourers to dress the vineyard. A day of howling amongst you.

The mountains, and hills, and great ones must be threshed and beaten down, the Lord hath spoken it; he hath sent into his vineyard, to gather fruit, *And every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit must be hewen down and cast into the fire. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can an evil tree bring forth good fruit*, such as the tree is, such is the fruit.

Drunkard, swearer, cursed speaker, thou art this corrupt evil tree, whoremonger, envious one, fighter, quarrellers, malicious ones, scorner, mocker, reproacher, thou art this corrupt tree, that cannot bring forth

good fruit, thou who liveſt in pleaſures and luſtful wayes, lofty and high-minded, thou art this corrupt tree, thou cannot bring forth good fruit; diſſemblers, cheaters, cozeners, thou art this corrupt tree which cannot bring forth good fruit; ſcorner, ſcoffer, who lives in the diſſimulation, and with craft and hypocriſie, thou art the corrupt tree which cannot bring forth good fruit; and all that profeſs God, and Chriſt, and Prophets, and Apoſtles, and lives in ſin and iniquity, you are the curſed tree, which cannot bring forth good fruit; for ſaith Chriſt, *Depart from me all ye workers of iniquity*.

All you that pleads for ſin Prieſts and people, are this tree which cannot bring forth good fruit, and pleads for your own maſter, whoſe dominion you are, and the blood of Chriſt doth but ſerve you to talk of; all you corrupt trees have but boughs, a fair ſhew you make, but when fruit is ſought, there is none found on you, you are they that cumber the ground. The Lord is coming into his vineyard to hew you down, all you luſtful ones, you drunkards, all you railers, and falſe accuſers, all you covetous oppreſſors cumber not the ground.

The glittering ſword is drawn, it is fourbiſhed for the ſlaughter. The Lords eye is opened, and his hand is ſtretched our againſt his enemies.

Now woe, woe unto ye wicked, ye have deſpiſed trembling and quaking.

Tremble, tremble, tremble and quake, O all ye nations; for the whirlwinde is gone forth, that you ſhall be ſcattered as chaff, the day of the Lord is appearing that ſhall burn as an oven, that you ſhall be conſumed as ſtubble: and the trumpet is ſounding out of the holy mountain, that all the inhabitants of the land ſhall tremble; and the Lord is uttering forth his voice before his hoſte; and the day of the Lord is grown very terrible, who can abide it?

Drunkard, ſwearer, lyer, thou cannot hide thy ſelf; witchcraft, ſorcerers, ſcorners, cheaters, diſſemblers, the Lord will finde you all out; all your pretence of God and Chriſt, ſhall ſtink heavy in your faces, you diſſemblers, for God will not be mocked with words; wo and miſery, a day of howling amongſt you lofty ones, a day of howling among you luſtful ones, your throates will be be drie, parched; and woe is thy portion, thou luſtful one, thy luſt ſhall not be fed, who hath devoured the whole creation. A day of howling amongſt you covetous oppreſſours, taksmaſter, who hath devoured the creation, and doth devour it: ſome creatures are deſtroyed for want of ordering, and upon your luſts; ſome creatures are deſtroyed for want of creatures.

You are them that cumber the ground, and the Lord is coming with his whirlwinde to ſweep you away, and the earth ſhall yield her increaſe, and come to enjoy her Sabbaths, and the righteous ſhall inherit it, and the land ſhall be cleanſed of evil doers, *Sion* is threſhing, and a fan is come to fan, and the Lord is at work in his vineyard, and the arrows of of the Almighty are ſhooting forth againſt the wicked, and hell hath opened her mouth to receive all you workers of iniquity, and hell gapes for you.

Tremble

Tremble and be astonished you heathen that knows not God; for you are all heathens that know not God, and the land is full of crooked waies, the land is full of rough places, the land is full of hills and mountains, the land is full of bryers and thorns, dogs and swine, fighting and barking, snarling and biting one another, for the husks, and for the earthly creatures.

Therefore all people repent, repent while you have time; for the mighty day of the Lord is coming. therefore hearken to that which shews you sin and evil, there is your teacher loving it, there is your condemnation hating it.

THe word of the Lord to all ye fruitless trees, ye dry trees, ye oaks, ye tall cedars, ye fat bulls of *Bashan*, ye thorns, ye briers, ye wilde asses which snuft up your noses in the top of the mountains & the Forrests, ye high-way-ground, ye stony-ground, ye goats, ye wolves, ye dogs, ye swine, ye serpents, ye vulterous ones, ye beasts, ye lyons, ye strong horses neighing up and down, walking after your lusts: this is not railing, this is the Scripture-language. Own your names every one in your place, with the light ye are all seen, and your names comes to be known; so every one bears, your name according to your nature; ye are them that cumber the ground, ye are them that are not of the light, ye are them that are to be condemned with the light; ye that are unjust ye cumber the ground. Woe unto you drunkards, ye cumber the ground; woe unto you hypocrites, ye cumber the ground; woe unto you lyers, ye cumber the ground; woe unto you scoffers, ye cumber the ground; scorners and backbiters, ye cumber the ground; dissemblers, ye are them that cumber the ground; the hand of the Lord is against you.

To that in your consciences I speak, which shall witness me eternally; ye drunkards ye cumber the ground; ye rotten hearts, ye false-hearts, and dissemblers, ye cumber the ground, ye oppress the creation, the land mourns because of such; ye devourers, ye murtherers, ye are they that pollutes the earth, ye cumber the ground.

Fear, fear the Lord God, tremble before him, ye that make a profession of Christ and God, and live in deceit, ye are lyers ye cumber the ground, ye are of the devil, ye abide not in the truth; for you do not abide in the life that gave forth the Scripture; so you are not what you profess, in life and power; but hath the words, the form, and makes a trade of them.

Woe unto you devourers, that devour the people, and make a prey of them; ye lustful ones which follows pleasure, rioting, feasting, sporting, drunkenness, guttony, hawking, hunting, *Esau*-like, ye cumber the ground, ye are the place for the dragon, ye are as the wilderness, fruitless. And to you this is the word of God.

To that in your consciences I speak, as you love it, it will arise in you, and you will see your selves, and see the Scriptures, ye ungodly ones, ye

covetous walk after your ungodly lusts; ye vain talkers, ye cumber the ground; ye are as the caterpillers, ye are as the locusts that go without a King, which are turned from the light; ye are for the sword to be slain; ye which mindes earthly things, whose mindes are turned from the light, which walk after your own ungodly lusts, ye defile the flesh, ye cumber the ground; ye careless ones, the hand of the Lord is against you, ye which follow foolish boasting, foolish talking, foolish songs, and spends your time in such wayes.

O woe and misery is coming upon you! how do you spend your time? and how have you lost your time? hell gapes and opens her mouth to receive you, where all the wicked are turned into. Stand still a while and see whither all ye must go.

To the light in you I speak, that with it ye may see your selves, & remember your selves, and with it you may see, no unrighteousness must enter the kingdom of God, and this which shews you it, is the light of Christ within you; and loving it, it will lead you from all such actions and practices as are contrary to it; and with it all such things are to be condemned.

This is your teacher the light; this is it will bring you to witness Christ, who is the way to the Father; and this is it that will bring you to yea and nay in all your communications; and this will teach you good manners, to deny all evill communication; and this will bring you to lay aside all deceitful merchandise, all lusts, pleasures, filthy practices, which the world lives in; and this is it which is pure, and teaches pureness and holiness, without which none shall ever see God.

You that are proud and lofty, cumbers the ground; ye are abomination to the Lord God, with the light you are seen, with the light you are comprehended, with the light you are judged. To the light in you I speak, which will let you see vainity, one vanity upon another

To the light in all your consciences I speak everywhere, which will let you see all that is contrary to it. To that I am made manifest, the light, which if you love it, it will guide your hearts together into unity; for the unity is in the light, and up to God the Father of light, and there is your teacher present alwaies whithersoever ye go, or lying in your bed, this light doth not change, to which I speak, thou that changeth, acts contrary to it, and with this light which changeth not, art to be condemned from God who changeth not, and to be the itching ears, and in the doctrine of the devil, and amongst the fables.

THe word of the Lord to you all, who are turned from the light which Jesus Christ hath enlightned you withal, & do hate it, who follows pleasures, who are such as the Scriptures speaks of, who are sporting your selves in the day time, living in wantonness; you are such as the Scripture speaks of, which the Apostle that dwelled in the light cried against, spoke against and judged; you are scoffers and scorners glorying in your strength; ye are such as the Scripture speaks of, which were

were ever judged with the life that gave forth the Scriptures, and are to be condemned with the light. You that follow drunkenneſs, fighting and adultery, and idolatry, pride and envie, you are ſuch as defiles the fleſh, you are ſuch that the Scripture ſpeaks of, that were judged with the life that gave it forth, and which it ever declared againſt. You that follow bowls, and cards, and ſhovelboord, and drinking healths, and have muſick, the Harp, the Viol, the Lute; ye are ſuch as the Lord ſent *Iſaiah* to cry againſt, and you act contrary to the light, and you are in the works of the fleſh, in that nature out of the light; and with the light you are to be condemned, and all your works are for the fire, who caſts the law of God behind your backs, which is perfect according to the light in your conſciences, which judges down all that which is not perfect, with the light all thoſe actions are ſeen, which are in that nature contrary to the light; ſo with the light all ſuch are condemned from God.

You that follow foot-bal-playing, cudgel-playing, fencing, exerciſing your ſelves at back-ſwords or rapiers, you are glorying in your ſtrength, ye are boaſting, ye are vapouring, ye are diſdaining, ye are deſpiſing, you are envying, you are in pride, you are in ambition, with the light which Chriſt hath enlightned you withal, you are to be condemned from God, and all theſe practiſes I ſee them all, that manhood, and all that fame, and all that renown, it muſt be laid down in the duſt.

And you that follow wreſtlings, and leapings, and dancings, you are ſuch that live in the fleſh without the fear of God, you are inventing with that minde which goes from the light, and with the light you are to be condemned from God, who lives in the luſts of the fleſh, and theſe actions of the fleſh.

And ye that delight in ſongs, in tunes, and jeſting books, and ballads, rhimes, themes, inventing verſes, you are in the fables, you are ſuch as the Scriptures ſpeaks of, acting in that nature which is out of the truth, which with the light, all ſuch works of the fleſh are to be condemned; this will wither, this will fade away and paſs away.

And all you that follow horſe-racing, you are in the boaſting, you are idolaters, and adulterers, and you are covetous, you are they that oppoſe the creation, you are chalenging and envying when you cannot get your will, and when you have your will, this is in *Cain*'s way, which is for condemnation, who walks in the way which is ungodly.

Ye that follow merchandize, buyes and ſells, and makes a trade of it, and buy the creature at one towne, and ſells them at another market; *It's naught, it's naught*, you ſay, when you come to buy, and, *They are bad, they are bad:* and when you have bought them, then *They are the beſt in the market*, and then you ſet up that which you ſaid was nought. So with the light which ſhews your lying, your deceit, your falſe-hearts, are you with it to be condemned, who lives in theſe cuſtomes of ſin, which hath taken away the ſence, you are in the thieviſh nature that do ſo, that buy and ſell the creatures to oppreſs them, and ſay it is naught for your own ends, and then ſay it is good for your own ends.

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To the light in all your conſciences I ſpeak, which will witneſs me, and will let you ſee what diſſemblers you are, and how far you are out of the doctrine of Chriſt, which is yea and nay in all communication; who when you come to cheap a thing or buy a thing, you ſay, *You will give no more for it, not a peny*; and the ſeller ſaith likewiſe the ſame, he ſaith, *No, he will not take a penny leſs*, then they preſently yeild one to another, and call one another again, and the lye is found in both their mouthes, out of the yea and nay to be, and with the light which brings to yea and nay to be condemned, to it I ſpeak, and it ſhall witneſs me againſt all the deceits of the world, and all deceitful merchandiſe, who act without the fear of God.

And all you that follow feaſtings and weddings, your Prieſts acted in that nature out of the light, with the light is to be condemned; yet marriage is honourable in all, where the bed is not defiled.

And you that turn from the light, which invent pictures, idols, and ſet them up, you are in the nature turned from the light; ye and all your images is to be condemned, and ye that are turned from the light of Chriſt, which is eternal, that minde invents croſſes, forms a croſs, imitates a croſs, which dwelling in the light it ſelf, is a croſs to the ground, which forms theſe croſſes; and to you this is the word of God.

And ſo, here both the image, and the image-maker, and the founder of the image, dwelling in this croſs muſt be deſtroyed.

Good and bad manners diſtinguiſhed.

COrrupt communications corrupts the good manners. Now if you love the light which Chriſt hath enlightned you withal, it will bring you to yea and nay in all your communications; for whatſoever is more, is evil. And you that turn from this light which Chriſt hath enlightned you withal, then in your communications ye are not yea and nay; and ſo you are in the evil, and out of the doctrine of Chriſt; and ſo in that nature you may be taught to bend, to bow, to cringe one to another, with cap and knee, and hand and foot, (and ſo calls that civil and and good manners, and he that doth not, with ſuch is judged not to be not civil, who lives in the pure communication yea and nay, and can bow to none but the Lord,) yet full of envie and pride, and where there is pride, there is envie, and wrath, and rage, and fury, *Cain*-like in your communications, ſome are mocking, ſome ſtriking, and ſome are railing to the face, and backbiting, and yet when they meet, they flatter one another with the cap, and ſtrake with the foot, and bow with the hand and knee, and yet full of envie.

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To the light of Christ in your consciences I speak, which if you love it, it will bring you to bow to the Lord, and let you see these things, and bring you to yea and nay in all your communications, and then nothing shall reign but Christ Jesus; for the light will condemn all things which is contrary to it, and which hath been bowed down to, which is contrary to the light, and that which would respect the persons of men, comes to be judged; for it is the trangressor of that which is pure, transgresseth the pure law of God, and with the pure that comes to be judged, and if you love the light of Christ which he hath enlightned you withal, it will bring you to put away all vain communications out of your mouthes, and keep you to yea and nay in all communications, and it will teach you the good manners; for all you who live in your vain communications from yea and nay, all your profession, which the Prophets, Christ and the Apostles hath spoken, you having their words and the form, and gone from yea and nay, out of the doctrine of Christ, with the life of the Apostles, and the light of Christ, you are to be condemned, and the end of your profession is wo, as Christ said to the Scribes and Pharisees.

So you that are turned from the pure light of Christ within you, you are in your vain communications, and do worship the beast; for that which turneth from the light of Christ, it sets up that which is out of the truth which is the beast, so the plagues of God proceeds upon who are all turned from the light of Christ, such are in the vain commuications and corrupt manners, and are to be condemned.

But to you all that love the light of Christ, and your mindes guided by it, it will teach you the pure and good manners, and all the corrupt manners will be judged and condemned with the light which Christ hath enlightned you withal, which light will teach you to walk with God and men, and there is all your teacher, loving it; and there is all your condemnation, hating it.

You that live in filthineis, pride, in lust, in cursed speaking, in wantonness, sporting your selves in the day-time, and fooliſh jesting, and drunkenness, and gluttony, and all the corruption that are in that nature which is turned from the light, are in the evil communication, and the corrupt manners which is to be condemned with the light, which light every one in particular loving it, which Christ hath enlightned every one withal, it will teach you and bring to yea and nay in all your communications, and it will teach you the good manners.

It is the eye which will let you see Christ the head, and there is your teacher the light which Christ hath enlightned every one of you withal in particular, which will let you see your evil deeds, and when you act contrary to it, which if you hate it, it will be your condemnation.

To the light of Christ in every one of your consciences I speak, which will witness me when the book of conscience is opened, which light will teach you at all times, walking up and down, & lying in bed, in all your actions; this light will teach you when you are in your merchandise, if you do not justly the light will let you see it, it will check you and secretly condemn

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you; that is the light which shews you your evil deed; which if you love it, it will keep you to yea and nay in all your communications, it will bring you to few words, and bring you into the fear of the Lord, and *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*

This is to be set upon all Crosses, that all may see the good manners, and the corrupt manners, and the corrupt communication, which corrupts the good manners, and the pure communication which is yea and nay, according to the light of Christ in every one of your consciences. To the light of Christ in every one of your consciences I do speak.

From them whom the world calls Quakers scornfully; but *Moses* who quaked and trembled, said, *To him reproaches was great riches.*

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